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The North Korean forces in Seoul have set up a government for the southern half l. of Korea, with the following general organization: 25X1

People's Committee of South Korea

→ People's Army Headquarters

Bureau of State Security

People's Committee, Seoul

State Security Police

Regional Police

Security Troops

The People's Committee and the People's Army exercise joint control over government and security functions. The People's Committee has branches in each area to handle civil administration and all matters pertaining to daily life, and it also assists the police in maintaining public order.

- As soon as the People's Army occupies an area, political leaders accompanying the army organize a People's Committee, utilizing underground elements or organs active in the area previously. Control is maintained by the leaders arriving with the army. Government officials of South Korea who remained in Seoul are mostly cooperating with the new government, although some rather reluctantly.
- At the same time, the State Security Police are formed from former underground 3.

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elements, middle-of-the-road pro-Communist elements, and members of the Leftist Conversion Guidance Alliance. Under the State Security Police are security troops made up of citizens, students, and members of the Youth Alliance, and People's Protection Corps who aid in preserving order. The State Security Police are mostly in civilian clothes and are armed with carbines, although a few carry Model 99 rifles or Mil. Security troops carry wooden clubs and a few have rifles.

4. Government offices of the new regime in Seoul are located in the following buildings:

Pecple's Committee of Seoul South Korean Labor Party and State Security Jureau Former City Hall
Taehan Youth Corps Building

Division Headquarters of the People's Department of Commerce and Industry Building Army

State Security Police 1
Mational Council Headquarters S
Democratic Alliance Headquarters
People's Army and Soviet Military
Advisory Group (about 100 persons)

local police stations South Korean Labor Party Building Lunicipal Hall American Embassy

- The military headquarters was easily identified because many officers of highrank were in and out of the building frequently and about two thousand soldiers were assembled in front of the building in the early morning of 4 July. Seoul opinion was that the capitol building would be considered only the seat of a preparatory committee until the arrival of KIN II-song in Seoul. Meanwhile, the building is restricted and can be entered only by Communists.
- 6. The occupying forces took over the printing factory which issued Bank of Chosen currency but have made no increase in currency in circulation. Hembers of the Horth Horean Labor Union took over the Seoul Electric Company and are running it. Electricity supplies for the city are normal but the streetcars are not running.
- 7. The first ne spaper in Seoul to welcome the People's Army was the Korea Daily News (Cho Son II Po, 朝 鲜 日 報)。 Its example was followed by the Liberty Hews (Cha ru Sin Hun,自由 新 報), and by the Kyonghyang Hews (Ching Hsiang Hsin Jen, 京 新 報). Other papers also joined the march.
- 8. The executions which occurred at the beginning of the occupation of beout mad slowed down by 6 July. Rumors were current that large-scale purges would follow the conquest of Pusan, but Seoul was largely quiet. Principal concentration in the Seoul purges was on police, military personnel, government officials, leaders of right-wing political parties, and refugees from North Korea. These last if not killed were punished severely for their "insult" to the North Korean government in going south. Traders who had been operating across the 38th Parallel, however, were given special ammesty.
- 9. On 3 July a mass meeting was held in front of the City Hall. The following organizations participated:

South Horea Labor Party
People's Democratic Party
Laboring People's Party
Democratic Independence Party
Social Democratic Party
Independent Labor Party
Korea Independence Party
How Progressive Party
Youth Friendship Party
Socialist Party
Tacial Independence Federation
Hational Farming People's Federation
Hational Laborers' Council
Democratic Students' Federation

Buddhist Youth Union
Korea Democratic Party (part)
Racial Democratic Party
Racial Unification Federation
Literary Workers' Federation
Scientists' Union
Educators' Society
Anti-Japanese Movement Supporters' Society
Federation for Protection of Human Rights
Christian Democratic Union
Democratic Korean Independence Party
Taehan Labor Union (part)
Taehan Farmers' Federation (part)
Anti-Pascist Struggle Federation

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Democratic Youth Alliance Democratic Women's Union

Labor-Agriculture Youth Union

- 10. Signboards at the City Hall displayed announcements of the People's Committee of Seoul and the Welcome Committee for PAK Hon-yong (科 底 永)。 By PAK's order, a conference of representatives of all government offices was held at the City Hall on 5 July.
- Il. The People's Army issues continuous active propaganda through radio, theatre, newspapers, and pamphlets, to the effect that all cities of South Korea have been completely occupied. Former underground groups, such as the Literary Workers' Union and other cultural and officially liberal groups have put their members to work publishing newspapers and periodicals. Groups affiliated with the Literary Workers' Union were mobilized and organized into a Consolation and Support Society for the People's Army; part of its function is to spread propaganda through meetings and publications.
- 12. Propaganda unit organization is somewhat as follows:

Propaganda Section People's Army City Propaganda Publication Art Section Consolation and Class Section Support Society Theatre Class Vocation Street -Newspaper Class Class Class -Post Class Magazine Class Susic Class Street Propaganda Class

- 13. The population in general is lissatisfied with the occupation, since economic problems have become much greater. Indirect economic sabotage exists but has had no opportunity to become organized because of the North Korean security measures. The merchant classes obey the new government strictly but are particularly disturbed. Food supplies are scarce. No rice is sold at official prices, and even at the black market rates of 15,000 to 20,000 won per mal, rice is not sold unless the buyer and seller trust each other. In other commodities, business is practically at a standstill. In spite of these factors, many refugees have come to Seoul from Wonsan, Pyongyang, and Hamhung to avoid bombings.
- lh. All persons between seventeen and thirty years old have been mobilized. Hen are assigned to transporting supplies to the battle fronts, women to laundry work, preparing food for the troops, repairing roads for the army, and hauling materials. About thirty thousand students who volunteered for the People's Army were sent for training to Chunchon (127-44, 27-52), which had not been attacked by air raids, and are being instructed morning and evening; classes are not held during the day to avoid air attack.
- 15. Buildings and areas in Seoul which were damaged by air raids include:

Soge-dong and Samgak-chi, where troops were stationed. Hapo prison and its vicinity
Seoul Railroad Station plaza and its vicinity
Part of Defense Headquarters
Sobinggo
Ulchi-ro, First Army
Sindang-dong
Embassy Building
Part of the Capitol
Hwasin Department Store
Ewha Momen's College

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